

the phrase “cyber threat”. It means that notwithstanding the privacy protections in HIPAA, businesses can share personal medical information with each other and the government if there is a “cyber threat”. And the definition of cyber threat is so nebulous, so sweeping that it can be invoked for almost anything that simply look unusual or is not immediately explainable.

Chillingly, the bill in its current form would allow companies to share sensitive and personal information directly with the NSA and other military agencies, even if it is purely domestic, American information that is no way associated with foreign threats or national security events. CISPAA would allow companies to share personally identifiable information without making even reasonable efforts to protect it. Finally, CISPAA grants broad immunity for any “decisions made” based on cyber information, regardless of whether the company was acting recklessly or causes unintended collateral damage. This week the President indicated that he would veto this bill were it presented to him in its current form, as well he should. The better outcome would be for this bill to never reach his desk.

Many competent security experts have shared their views with Congress that we can better protect our nation from cyber attacks without compromising the privacy and interests of our citizens. I regret that their counsel has been ignored, which is why I urge my colleagues to join me in rejecting this badly flawed bill.

#### INTRODUCTION OF H. RES. 25 TO RECOGNIZE APRIL 18, 2013 AS NA- TIONAL LINEMEN APPRECIATION DAY

#### HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 18, 2013*

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize this day, April 18, as a day of honor for Journeymen Linemen. Accordingly, I have introduced H. Res. 25 to recognize April 18, 2013, as National Linemen Appreciation Day in order to honor these brave men and women for their contributions to protect public safety.

Linemen are often the first responders during a storm or other catastrophic event, which means these brave men and women are often required to make the scene safe for other public safety heroes. Linemen work with thousands of volts of electricity high atop power lines every day of the year in order to protect the nation from dangerous electrical currents.

The profession of Lineman is steeped in tradition and family, both professionally and personally. Generations ago, Linemen climbed poles using hooks and blocks, but as technology has grown through the years, inventive Linemen have pioneered advancements with innovative materials, altering the direction of line work for the future.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me today in honoring the extraordinary commitment and courage demonstrated everyday by the nation's Linemen.

#### IN HONOR OF ISRAEL'S 65TH INDEPENDENCE DAY

SPEECH OF

#### HON. STEVE ISRAEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Monday, April 15, 2013*

Mr. ISRAEL. Mr. Speaker, this week Israel celebrated its 65th Independence Day. Since its founding on May 14, 1948, Israel and the United States have been steadfast allies and today we take a moment to celebrate Israel and recommit ourselves to the partnership between our two great nations.

Despite years of terrorist threats and attacks, intermittent war, and overwhelming odds, Israel has not only survived but flourished, developing into a beacon of democracy in the Middle East. Much like the United States, Israel values and protects freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom of press, and most importantly the idea that government comes from the consent of the governed. These freedoms may seem commonplace to Americans, but they are rare in the Middle East and ensure that Israel remains a vigorous democracy.

Israel has also become a global economic leader, especially in the technology and science sectors where Israel's innovation and dedication allow it to achieve success despite its relatively small population. Israel leads the world in developing solar power technologies and its medical inventions have saved countless lives, including many Americans.

Israel's tremendous achievements since its founding are truly inspiring and I am honored to recognize our greatest ally's 65th Independence Day.

#### HONORING JACOB D. LINDBURG

#### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 18, 2013*

Mr. GRAVES of Missouri. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Jacob D. Lindburg. Jacob is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 333, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Jacob has been very active with his troop, participating in many scout activities. Over the many years Jacob has been involved with scouting, he has not only earned 41 merit badges, but also the respect of his family, peers, and community. Most notably, Jacob has earned the rank of Firebuilder in the Tribe of Mic-O-Say and became a Brotherhood Member in the Order of the Arrow. Jacob has also contributed to his community through his Eagle Scout project. Jacob removed the old parking lot lines and painted new lines along with handicap-accessible parking spots at Parkville Presbyterian Church in Parkville, Missouri.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Jacob D. Lindburg for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

#### IN RECOGNITION OF INGRID BRUCK

#### HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 18, 2013*

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Ingrid Bruck on her retirement as Director of the Long Branch Free Public Library in New Jersey. Ms. Bruck has dedicated over 15 years of service to the Long Branch Free Public Library and her contributions are truly deserving of this body's recognition.

Ingrid Bruck brought a wealth of experience to the Long Branch Public Library. She previously served as Branch Manager for Irving Public Library in Texas, Children's Coordinator at Grand Prairie Public Library in Texas and Farmingdale Public Library in New York, and Children's Manager at the Mattapan Branch of Boston Public Library. She also held positions as Acting Director of La Biblioteca de la Universidad de Monterrey in Mexico and Director of La Biblioteca de Proyecto Linguistico Francisco Marroquin in Guatemala. She received her B.A. in English and History and a Library Science degree from Simmons College.

In addition to 15 years as Director of the Long Branch Free Public Library, Ms. Bruck has been a member of the Central Jersey Regional Library Cooperative (CJRLC) Board for six years. Throughout her time on the Board, she has served as President, Vice President and Secretary. She was also its representative on the Library Network Review Board.

Ms. Bruck's commitment to the Long Branch Free Public Library helped the library grow. The services it offers welcome all those in the community, from children and young adults, to older adults, non-English speakers and many others. There were also renovations to the Main Library and Elberon Branch and updated technology advancements.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in congratulating Ingrid Bruck on her retirement and thanking her for her service to the Long Branch community.

#### HONORING THE “DOOLITTLE TOKYO RAIDERS”

#### HON. JIM COOPER

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, April 18, 2013*

Mr. COOPER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the Doolittle Tokyo Raiders, a group of 80 Americans who claimed their place in history on April 18, 1942, when they carried out the first U.S. air raid on Japanese Home Islands during World War II. I am proud to share their story here today, and I am especially proud to represent one of the four living raiders, Nashvillean LTC Robert Hite.

Though not originally from the Volunteer State, LTC Robert Hite and his 79 fellow raiders epitomized the Volunteer spirit when they signed up for their death-defying mission. Their goals were to break the air of invincibility radiated by Japanese forces as they extended their reach across the Pacific Ocean and to give Americans the win they needed after the